THEIR ANNUAL MEETING.

United Hunters and Fishers Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the United Hunting, Fishing and Camping Clubs of Western Penn-sylvania took place last evening in Ruppel's Hall, and was well attended. The election of officers was the first business, and resulted in

and Discuss Prospects.

A Swimming School on Diamond Street to b Established.

There is not the slightest doubt but that

within a very short time the much-talked-of

natatorium-swimming, Turkish and private baths-for this city will be open to the public.

Fred Goodwyn, who has been hustling around for months past, has at last got things into such

a shape that the accomplishment of what he has been working so hard for is an assured fact. He has the refusal of Price's old poolroom on Diamond street, for a term of ten years from

the owner, and only yesterday he was promised

Secretary Wickoff's Bulletin. PRINCIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

COLUMBUS, O., January 12.—Wheeler Wikoff,

Sullivan is Favorite.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, January 12 .- At least one bet has

een made on this side on the contemplated

fight between Sullivan and Kilrain. At a din-ner given by George F. Porter, of Boston, on Tuesday, one New Yorker offered \$1,000 to \$750

on Sullivan, in event of the fight coming off, and the bet was taken by another New York

The Braddock Blues.

Although the Braddock Blues have not as

yet organized for next season, following is the

list of players who will likely compose the nine Speer, c.: Hemphill, p.; Bennett, s.; Cooper, l. b.; Leech, 2 b.; Shields, 3 b.; Sullivan, l.: McKim, r.; Magginis, m. Dalzell and Anderson, who are away at school, will join the team on their

A Local Foot Race.

George Knight of Colwell street, and Hock

Steiglitz ran a 150-yard race for \$40 yesterday

afternoon on Bluff street. Steiglitz was con

atternoon on Bluif street. Steightz was con-ceded five yards start, and won. Knight states that he wants to hear from Priddy, Nikirk or any other Pittsburg runner. It may be stated that the surest way to hear from them is to put up a forfeit.

Bilson Asks for Slott.

"Bilson Jack" is still eager to meet Slott in the frolic arena and concede him considerable weight. The former states that he will weigh

young man who is very well known.

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the owner, and only yesterday he was promised the financial support of one of the most prominent men in town. Plans have already been prepared, and these provide for a swimming bath 70x35 feet, the depth ranging from 3 to 6 feet. Swimming teachers, both male and female, will be engaged, and special care will be devoted to the encouragement of swimming among school children. Two afternoons each week will be set apart for ladies; a swimming ciub will be established; prizes will be offered for the encouragement of local swimmers, and as attractions the best of professional swimmers will be brought on here from time to time to give exhibitions not only in the art of swimming, but in the best methods of life-saving. The system of private and Turkish baths will be complete in every particular. A room 50x34 feet will be set apart for gymnastic purposes, and it is proposed to tender the same to the police free of charge. There will also be attached to the building an elegantly fitted up barber shop. There cannot be the slightest doubt that the natatorium will be as much a boon to the city as it will be a success pecuniarily to the promoters. The piano recital given by Miss Neally Stevens, of Chicago, assisted by Mr. Franz Wilczek, violinist, at the Pittsburg Club Theater last Thursday evening, attracted an exceptionally large and cultured audience. It is pleasant to record that for once Mr. Joseph H. Gittings lost no money in his managerial efforts to give our public an opportunity of hearing the concert-pianist of the day. One is moved to surprise, by the way, on noting the comparatively few musical students who avail themselves of the occasional visits of

boon to the city as it will be a success pecuniarily to the promoters.

The Championship Schedules.

New York, January 12—President Day and George Munson, of the St. Louis club, had a short talk about the Association schedules yesterday. Among other things Mr. Day said: "I don't see how the schedule can be changed. Both are now made up, and if they were compared neither side would care to make any change." From the way in which Mr. Day read thus:

avail themselves of the occasional visits of high-class artists to gain that inspiration and guidance for their own work which can be had only through hearing good music well given. The chief benefit of going to Europe for musical study lies just in this point; yet the students who would jump at the chance of studying in Germany seem strangely neglectful of similar opportunities offered them from time to time at their own doors.

But to our muttons: Thursday's programme read thus:

Theme and Variations Moz Etude—Nocturne—Prelude. 'Des Abends' Caprice Espagnol. M Dedicated to Miss Stevens. 

Staccatelle Constantin Sternberg
Violin Solo Spanish Dances Sarasate
(a) Pisyera "Lento" (b) Zapateado, "Allegro."
"Pres du Ruissoat" Rubenstein
Valse Caprice Rubenstein
Dance Phrysienne St. Saens-Sternberg
Melodie et Rhapsodie
The programme

and the Rubinstein water found her lacking in sustained power; both were also slightly marred by lapses in memory.

Mr. Wilczek displayed a truly artistic tone in all qualities; one of surprising breadth, too, for so young a wrist. His intenation was perfect save for a few unaccountable notes in the adagio of the concerto. Easy and correct bowing, rapid and clean passage work and a pure, fluent cantilene were among the other points that demonstrated his already large mastery over his instrument. His harmonics were strikingly clear and certain in some places, though often below the atandard of his evident ability in his interpretation of the great Bruch concerto Mr. Wilczek showed a thoughtfulness and maturity not to be expected of his years. The Sarasate pieces, naturally, were given with more humor and dash, but there is yet room for growth in the direction of freedom and fire. All in all, Mr. Wilczek proved himself to be a rapidly developing artist of high rank—one whom Pittsburg would be glad to number among her inhabitants should his final plans (not yet made) so determine. Mr. Gittings and Miss Mamie Reuck handled the accompaniments

Organ Company, of Salem, O., was inaugurated on Friday evening by Mr. Clarence Eddy, of Chicago—not by Mr. Dudley Buck, of Brooklyn, as had been authoritatively announced again and again for over two weeks beforehand. Who ever was responsible, whether intentionally or carelessly, for this deception on press and public, and the discourtesy to Mr. Eddy it involved, deserves a scathing rebuke. The programme—which the writer regrets he could not hear and cannot review—was as follows:

1. Fantasie, on themes from "Faust":

2. Expectations.

Mr. Clarence Eddy.

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Alpine Quartet.

3. Seventh Concerto.

Miss Mamie Reuck.

4. (a. Offertoire in D flat, op. 6.

Mr. Clarence Eddy.

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5. Eye Hath Not Seen (Holy City).

Mrs. Adah S. Thomas.

6. b. Gavotte, from "Mignon".... Mr. Clarence Eddy. PART II.

 'On the Sea''.
 Alpine Quartet.
 Violin solo...
 Miss Mamie Reuck. 4. Answer. Miss Mamie Reuck.
5. The Storm Fantasie.
6. "O God, Have Mercy" (St. Paul). 

... Crotchets and Quavers.

THE Welsh choir is now rehearsing Haudel's oratorio, "Judas Maccabaeus," for production toward the end of the season. Mr. D. J. Davies is the conductor; Miss Mary Robbins, pianist. THE effective singing of the male quinter behind the scenes in the "Merchant of Venice," as given by Booth and Barrett, is an artistic point well worthy of praise and wide imitation. PARTICULARLY promising preparations are being made for the dramatic performance of the cantata of "Esther," under Mr. W. S. Weeden's direction, at Masonic Hall, Alle-gheny, on the 23d, 24th and 25th inst. MORGANZA's inmates were treated last Thursday evening to an enjoyable musical pro-gramme by Mrs. J. Sharp McDonald, Miss Abble Adair, the Misses Oxnard, Mr. Thomas Dickson, the Messrs, Nevin and Messrs. John and Charles Gernert. MISS JENNIE EVANS, soprano; Miss Tillie

Miss JENNIE EVANS, soprano; Miss JENNIE EVANS, soprano; Miss Tillie George, contralto; Mr. William M. Stevenson, tenor, and Mr. E. H. Dermitt, barytone, with Mr. Theodore Hoffman, accompanist, took part in a concert at Odd Fellows' Hall, Southside, last Friday evening.

Mr. JOHN S. VOGEL was quietly married on New Year's Day at St Philomena's to Miss. New Year's Day at St. Philomena's to Miss Kate Schnetker, recently from Cologne, Germany. The Eastern wedding tour must now be about ended and an opportunity given for congratulating the happy pair over the unheralded union.

ALBERT NIEMANN, the great German tenor, is a thrifty soul. He has just got himself placed on the retired list of the Berlin Royal Opera, after 22 years of service. By this means be gets a pension from Berlin on the strength of his great past, and is free to come over and coin American dollars out of the same ma-

MR. AD. M. FOERSTER'S latest publication is a "June Song" for chorus, to words by Harriet Prescott Spofford. It is a very fluent, lithesome part-song of average difficulty, working up to a strong climar at the close. To some ears the progressions in the last brace of page 5 will sound a bit baid and crude; but with this possible exception the song is sure to prove acceptable to many smaller choral clubs. CAMPANINI was announced to make his CAMPANINI was announced to make his debut in English opera last Wednesday in Boston, singing in "Carmen" with the Boston Ideals. Thence he goes with the troupe to Baltimore, Washington and the South. It is questionable if Manager Foster's second venture with Italian tenors will prove more successful than the first. Italo's English never was remarkable; his voice is no longer. At all events this does not look like filling up that lost date at Old City Hall—not this season. THE Metropolitan Musical Society, of New York, gave its first private concert last Thurs-day evening in the big opera house of similar name, and met with great success. Mr. William R. Chapman is conductor; the board of patrons includes a score or more of Gotham's leading citizens; and among the 200 active members may be found such names as Mrs. Anna Louise Cary-Raymond, Miss Emily Winant, Mrs. Mary G. Hanchett, Mrs. Carrie Hun-King, Mr. C. Judson Bushnell, Mr. George M. Hunchett, Mr. Cerrie

1886, will be interested in the following item now going the rounds of the musical press: A cablegram from Nice says: A young lady here from Iowa, Miss Emma Mershon, is crenere from Iowa, Miss Emma Mershon, is cre-ating quite a furor among the Americans win-tering on the Riviera. She is studying singing with Lamperti, the well-known Italian maestro, who considers her voice so remarkable that he is going to bring her out at the opera next year. She is going to make her debut at a con-cert here next month and the Americans are all buying tickets in advance.

MR. HARRY B. BROCKETT, now studying with Lamperti in Dresden, has not yet been engaged by Carl Rosa for the next London seaengaged by Carl Rosa for the next London season as reported. The premature statement has for foundation the fact that Miss Agnes Huntington, late of the Boston Ideals, and who has recently taken further instructions from her old master, Lamperti, is under engagement with the English impressario, and has offered her influence to get Mr. Brockett on the same pay-roll. Mr. Brockett expects to return in July, after a few months in London with Randegger or Shakespere. In conjunction with Mr. W. H. Coombs, his plano teacher, the Pittsburg tenor is now arranging for a concert in Dresden.

MR. ETHELBERT NEVIN'S recent activities in Boston are of interest to his home-folks just now. His Trio for piano, violin and 'cello was produced at Schirmer's a week or so ago with signal success. The Cecilia club is rewith signal success. The Cecilia club is rehearsing his part song, "The Night Hath a Thousand Eves" for its next concert. Still another edition of Mr. Nevin's charming Sketchbook comes out this month—an extraordinary sale, The young composer is about completing an elaborate Barcarolle for orchestra on Margaret Deland's "Sunset on the Allegheny"—an appropriate work, by the way, for Mr. Seidl's May Festival programme. He is also at work on an Easter service for his boy choir at Christ Church, Quincy, to follow up the success of his Christmas music given by the same choir.

The Frobsinn Male Singing Society will have

THE Frohsinn Male Singing Society will have to vacate its cosy old quarters next April and is now casting about for another location. An option has been secured on a building on Penravenue, near Eleventh street, at one time occu avenue, near Eleventh street, at one time occupied by the Central Turn-Verein. The price named is \$25,000, of which a considerable portion is said to be already in sight. The financial question is to be discussed and settled, if possible, at this afternoon's meeting. If this or other property be purchased, it is the intention to remodel the building so as to include rooms for social uses and a concert hall as well. It will be a fine thing for Pittsburg's crack male chorus to secure a thoroughly suitable club house—such, for example as the Cologne Maenergesangverein, the best in Germany, of whose hospitable quality the writer has vivid recollections.

MR. JOHN EDWARDS, of Homestead, winne MR. JOHN EDWARDS, of Homestead, winne of the recent Eisteddfod prize for sight-reading, is an adept in the mysteries of tonic-sol-fa. He claims to be able to teach any 6-year-old child to read music in a single half-hour lesson and has practiced his method upon several of his own children, including a daughter of 7, to such an extent that they can, it is said, "write music as it is being played and afterward read it over without a mistake." There was once a lad named Johann Chrysostom Wolfgang Anadeus Mozart, who almost equaled this record; but his fingers were not nimble enough to write out even Allegri's slow Miserere while it was being performed; he had to wait till afterward to transcribe the closely-kept traditional chant of the Sistine Chapel. Verily, the world advances, with tonic-sol-fa well in the lead.

A BENEFIT concert for the sufferers by last

A BENEFIT concert for the sufferers by las week's catastrophe is suggested, and surely th spectacle of some two-score homes whose preadwinners are dead or disabled appeals strongly for the active sympathy of the com-munity. If any one takes the matter up in munity. If any one takes the matter up in earnest, there will be no backwardness on the part of the music-makers and the press in responding to the call. That was thoroughly proven by the well-remembered Charleston Relief Concert. The difficulty in all such enterprises is to get the public interested enough to make the process worth all the time and effort involved. The situation is correctly diagnosed in the prompt offer of Director J. P. Mc-Colum: "If any one will furnish the house, the Mozart Club will furnish the music." He did not mean the "hall," as reported, but the audience—quite a different matter. No doubt many other musical clubs, and individuals would fall in line with the Mozarts, just as soon as some one undertakes, with reasonable basis for success, to manage the concert and sell enough tickets to make it worth while. Here is the emergency; here, step forth!

THE general rehearsals of the Festival Chorus, under Mr. Carl Retter's direction, will henceforth be held each Thursday evening in the First M. P. Church, Fifth avenue, near Smithfield street. The College Hall, on Eighth street, which has been outgrown by the on Friday evenings. A mass meeting is to be held next Tuesday evening in Old City Hall to devise ways and means for carrying on the Exposition building—a matter in which the musical public have an especial interest since the greatest musical event yet projected in this city is so dependent upon the prompt completion of the superb structure now well under way. The festival might be given elsewhere but with dubious success, and with certainty of abandoning the proposed popular prices and again restricting to the few what should be in reach of all. As it now stands a failure to complete the building in time for the festival would spread the city's lack of enterprise and public spirit much farther than if naught but a local expesition depended upon it. The eyes of musical America will be directed to the Point; let our musicians do all they can to make the sight a creditable one to our great community.

THE plane and song recitals to be given at the Pittsburg Club Theater on Tuesday and Thursday evenings by Mr. Ethelbert Nevin, now of Boston, and Mme. Helene Maigille, of New York, are the leading events of the week The choice programmes read as follows:

TUESDAY EVENING. TUESDAY EVENING.

Raft—a. Fantasie and Fugue. † from Suite op. 31.

5. Gigue and Variations † from Suite op. 31.

Donizetti—Di quai soavi (Il Polinto).
Schumaan—At Even (Des Abends).
Brahms—Variations, Op. 21. No. 2.
Verdi—Bolero (Sicilian Vespers).

Liatt—a. Liebestraeume.

No. 2. Gestorben war ich.

No. 3. Olieb, Olieb so lang du lieben kannst.

kannst.

6. Isoiden's Liebestodt (Wagner).
Bishop—Bid me Discourse.
Brassin—Fire Charm (Wagner).

THURSDAY EVENING, Mr. Fred G. Toerge and Mr. Charles F. Cooper, Mr. Fred G. Toerge and Mr. Charles F. Cooper, assisting.

Zilcher-Two serenades for piano, violin and 'cello.

Rossini-Una Voce poco fa (Il Barbiere.)
Nevin-a. Valse Rhapsodie, from Sketch-book.

O. Rait Song, from Barcarolle.

Mendelssohn-On Wings of Song.
Meyer-Heimund-Mother Dear,
Buck-Come Where the Lindens Bloom.
Chopin-Fourth Ballade.
Rubinstein-The Dew it Sparkies,
Carter-The Stresm (MSS.)
Nevin-O, That We Two were Maying.
Schubert-Thine is My Heart.
Nevin-Trio for pianoforte, violin and violoncello. op. 4.

a. Allego Vivace. 12-8.
b. Andante Moderato. 3-4.
c. Intermezzo, in dance form. 6-8.
d. Finale.

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League and Association. AFFAIRSOFTHELOCALCLUB

John Teemer Resolves Not to Go to Australia.

THE SULLIVAN-KILBAIN BATTLE.

Prospects of a Trotting Race Among Local Two-Year-Olds.

It will not be long before baseball occupies its rightful position among American sporting events: in other words, not very many weeks will chapse ere the national game takes first place again in all newspaper sporting accounts throughout the country. From to-day on public interest in the premier sport of the country will increase, until it will, I expect, be more enthusiastic than ever. Baseball prospects are good, and club-directors and stockholders are confident of this

Before the season opens, however, there are a few very important questions to settle, which may affect both the League and Association. A few days ago Mr. J. W. Spalding, through the columns of this paper, pointed out that the Association may not be disposed to inderse the graded salary plan of the League this season. He further said that, even if the League plan is represed were independ some of its details in general were indorsed some of its details would be changed. Mr. Spaiding had been talking the matter over with President Byrne, of the Brooklyn club, only a few days before he made the statements just quoted and we may assume that he was possessed of facts not known by the public. Mr. Spalding, however, is of the opinion that, rule or no rule, the Associa-tion will have to keep salaries down, so that the result will be the same. This is a honeful view of the case, but if the result should not be as expected the trouble will be greater than many people imagine.

Manager Phillips holds a contrary opinion to Mr. Spalding, and thinks that if the Association does not adopt a rule similar to that of the League there will be considerable difficulties. ere seems to be much force in what Manager Phillips says; indeed, so much that it might be profitable if the magnates of both organiza-tions were to have the matter amicably settled as soon as possible. I feel confident that the League plan in some of its details will be changed or modified. Mr. Spalding is also of a similar opinion, Certainly President Byrne says that some changes must be made before the Association can favor the plan. If the two ergaizations ever lock horns on the matter the effects will be very unpleasant to both parties. As has been pointed out in these columns frequently, the object of the rule is all right, but the object of one thing and the means of attaining it is thing and the means of attaining it is another. The matter of classifying, for in-stance, will probably be satisfactory to nobody when fairly tested. A common understanding, however, can be arrived at on the question at the March meetings if all parties concerned are disposed to give and take.

A report is current to the effect that the local club directors have resolved to dispense with four certain players now under contract. The apartette not wanted, however, will be given quartette not wanted, nowever, will be given an opportunity when the season opens to prove their worth and if they show up well they will be kept and some other four released or sold. Rumor has it that McShannie, Maul, Coleman and Staley are among those montioned. Why Staley is on the list for probable release I cannot surmice, indeed the surraise would have We all have seen that Staley can pitch effect-ively and last season gave promise of blossom-ing into a first-class man. I cannot believe that ing into a first-class man. I cannot beneve the

Manager Phillips is almost all right again and is busily engaged making arrangements for the spring exhibition games. It is now defi-nitely settled that the team shall make its first nitely settled that the team shall make its first appearance this year away from home. The question of good or bad luck for the season may have something to do with it, but certainly the desire is to have the players in as good shape as possible before the local patrons see them. The exhibition series, however, does not promise to be as important as was expected. It was thought that the local team and the St. Louis Browns would test conclusions, but all hope in that respect seems to have vanished. If Von der Abe absolutely refuses to put his men against our sluggers, it will not be unreasonable to say that he thinks discretion the better part of valor.

em than it is.

It we cannot very well omit saying a
words about the latest phase of the Sulih-Kilrain matter. It is the first time on recit that these two men signed their names to
agreement which would seem to bind them
meet in a prize ring. This fact in itself is of
sat importance to the sporting world, and
are are other features connected with the
reement just as important and just as intereement just as important and just as interare other features connected with an eart just as inter-lent just as important and just as inter-Kilrain is already complaining about icle and Sullivan is complaining about in. One is charging the other with cow-and each declares that the other will

There really are features about the affair which encourage the suspicion that a battle between Sullivan and Kilrain will never take place. I am very skeptical, indeed, on the mat-True, there are some extraordinary featerning it, but even these tend to lead one to the conclusion that no fight will take hela ri place. During the last few days I have repitcher

ceived many interesting opinions about the affair from correspondents. I now repeat the views of one well-informed gentleman residing in this city. His opinions are simply published here because they give us an idea of what the intelligent sporting public think about the proposed fight. Says my correspondent:

"Thoreare many reasons which lead me to believe that Sullivan and Kilrain will never fight. I have been more or less interested in puglists for over 30 years, and I confess that the present declared intentions of Sullivan and Kilrain look more doubtful than any I have heard of during my time. In the first place the stake—\$10,000 a side—is too big. Their articles of agreement are simply useless and no more account than a verbal promise. Neither man need fight if he does not want to, and he will not lose a cent. In my way of thinking matters stand like this: Sullivan, when in condition, can defeat Kilrain. I have no doubt about this. Kilrain may be a clever boxer, but it is questionable whether or not he is a game man and a stayer. With him Sullivan will, undoubtedly, have an easier task than with Mitchell. It is clear, therefore, that if Sullivan can get into his best condition he will have victory almost certain, and if the Kilrain party find out that Sullivan is regalning his old form they will back out. There is nothing to prevent them. On the other hand, if it is found that Sullivan is not getting back into his old form, the Kilrain party will most assuredly fight, but Sullivan's backers won't risk their money. Altogether it looks like a huge game of bluff." Probable Difficulties Between

omeers was the first business, and resuited in the election of the following gentlemen: Fred. K. Gearing, President; Wm. A. Scandrett, Vice President; M. F. Cassidy, Treasurer; J. W. Hague, Secretary, and a Board of Directors as follows: Geo. Weaver, M. G. Schirmer, L. T. Schattenbrand, J. C. Wiegal, B. C. Christy, M. B. Lemon, Ed Mehlich, Dom Maguire, Jacob Moschell. Moschell.

Additional camp reports were handed in and a resolution passed that reports not in by the ist of February will not be published in the "Annual Reports."

The hatchet invented by Dr. Scroggs, of Beaver, and presented to the clubs, was exhibited. It is a pick, hammer and a hatchet all in one instrument, a most useful article for examine clubs. hibited. It is a pick, hammer and a hatchet all in one instrument, a most useful article for camping clubs.

The Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company has, during the last four years, taken the majority of all the clubs out of this field, but with the coming season there will come a large number of agents of ether lines to make a bid for the large business of this territory by offering new fields and a very reasonable rate to visit them. The prospects for the coming season are very bright and the line that has a live man at work here will surely reap a glorious harvest. DETAILS OF GEORGE SMITH'S DEFEAT

There may and there may not be some good common opinions in the above. I think there are a few practical ideas. Time and time again it has been contended in this paper that the backers of Sullivan and Kilrain do not care backers of Sullivan and Kilrain do not care one jot whether the two men ever meet or not. It is not fighting or the glory that victory brings that these persons are scheming for. It is the noteriety that will bring them and their business hourly before the public. Were this feature absent it would be safe wagering \$100 to \$1 that both Sullivan and Kilrain would have to travel all their way through life without have even an alleged \$20,000 stake put up for them. It can safely be said that the public will be duly reminded of the existence of the two parties for the next six months. Whether a battle takes place or not the businesses of the respective parties will be well advertised, and when that is accomplished probably the object of the entire transaction will have been accomplished. Really there has already been almost more talk about Sullivan and Kilrain going to fight than there was about all the fights of Cribb, Belcher, Sayers and Heenan combined.

and Heenan combined.

The complaint made by George Smith, the Pittsburg sprinter, relative to his last effort to win a Sheffield handlcap, opens up a very grave question. He avers that the referee decided against him, although he won his heat by a half yard. "The robbery was so apparent," says Smith, that a riot almost ensued. The Fittsburger was somewhat heavily backed by public money, and had he gotten through the heat in question all right would, according to good judges, have won the handleap. It is unfortunate that such unpleasant events occur; beside having many more evil results they tend to strain the good relationship between the sporting people of the two countries. I don't for a moment believe that George Smith would make any dishonorable claim, but I do believe and know that Sheffield handleaps have morally deteriorated during the the last ten or cided against him, although he won his heat by believe and know that Sheffield handicaps have morally deteriorated during the the last ten or a dozen years. They are now controlled body and soul by a gang of bookmakers who are not looked up to as the best model of honesty in the country. Under these conditions a referee would not hesitate to "carry out orders," and give a favorite the worst of it at any stage. Smith started a hot favorite, and had he won the bookmakers would have been heavy losers. They control the handicap, and little more need be said. It is a pity that such things happen. Recently Americans have entered the handicap in large numbers. The Smith affair will likely discourage future entries.

Speaking of the international foot racing of a professional kind reminds me of the com-paratively good feeling existing between the amateurs of England and those of America. Every year these international amateur contests are becoming more numerous and popu-lar. This year they promise to be more so, lar. This year they promise to be more so, and it may be that something like the interest which existed when George and Myers first contested against each other will be revived. The Americans are determined to leave no stone unturned in the way of trying to secure the best possible talent to compete against the English. The entire United States is to be searched and good inducements offered to competitors. On May 18 the National Association of Amateur Athletes of America will hold a scratch meeting at the Manhattan grounds, at which the English championship programme will be the English championship programme will be decided. This will include 13 events. The winner of each event will be entitled to go to Europe on the N. A. A. of A. international team for 1889. The scratch meeting—that is, where everyone will start on equal terms—will be open is to secure the very best. Of course, the expenses of the team going to Europe will be paid. The whole plan is a good one and worthy of support. There is a large number of first-class amateurs in the country at present. Surely two or three champions can be secured from the list.

THAT SHEFFIELD HANDICAP.

Full Particulars About the Defeat of the Pittsburg Sprinter. The following account of George Smith's Sheffield bandicap, taken from

the Sheffield Daily News, will be of interest There was little or no betting vesterday fore noon, and after reaching the grounds Smith was still favorite. When racing commenced and the St. Louis Strowms would test conclusions, but all hope in that respect some store fuses to pit his men against our slugges, it will not be unreasonable to say that he thinks disorction the better part of valor.

John Teemer has definitely made up his mind to remain at McKeesport until spring-time at least. This resolve is not surprising to me, although I am strongly of opinion that he can defeat many of the prominent scullers in Australia. Teemer could cortainly secure two or three good matches were he to visit the antipodes, but the prohability is that he has backers and himself lost almost all the money they had to spare on the late race at Washington. Had Peemer won he and his friends, to make a substantial on "webet;" their winnings would have paid all expenses.

According to the latest in aquatta O' concerning public form on the head; in fact it or own a match at San Francisco early in the spring. This certainly knocks all reasoning concerning public form on the head; in fact it as a guide. Teemer defeated Gaudaur casily, and Teemer in turn was even more easily settled by O'Connor. The latter has also defeated for small public form on the head; in fact it as a guide. Teemer defeated Gaudaur casily, and Teemer in turn was even more easily settled by O'Connor. The latter has also defeated for small public form on the head; in the latter part of summer there will be an interesting contest with the local youngsters. So far the owners of five 2-year-olds who was the server of the wood of the recommendation of the server of the server of the recommendation of the server of the server of the recommendation of the server of the server of the recommendation of the server of the recommendation of the server of the recommendation of the recommendatio rain came down in torrents, and only abou 2,000 persons were present. The running path

Will Wrestle for Charity. To the Sporting Editor of the Dispatch:

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Sin—As a means of obtaining some money toward the assistance of the families of the carpenters who were killed, and also those who were injured, at the Wood street accident, I offer to wrestle Jim Connors in any public hall, the receipts to go to the object named. I suggest this because both Connors and myself are carpenters. Yours truly. als because both construity.

JAMES DUNKERLY.

Local Players for Columbus. W. C. Durban, a well-known young baseball player, who resides at Boston, on the Yough-iogheny river, signed yesterday as catcher with the Columbus, O., club for next season. Will-iam Phillips, of Allentown, up the Mononga hela river, signed with the same club as pitcher.

for the Races Plentiful.

NASHVILLE, TENN., January 12.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of West Side Park, held to-day, the following Board of Directors was elected: G. M. Fogg, John P. White, C. H. Giliock, H. B. Stubblefield, John P. Williams, E. B. Stablinan, James Frankliu, W. M. Duncan, T. W. Wrenne, W. H. Jackson, Wm. Reilley, A. H. Robinson, Dr. R. B. Dougdon't see how the schedule can be changed. Both are now made up, and if they were compared neither side would care to make any change." From the way in which Mr. Day spoke it would seem as though he, as Chairman of the League Schedule Committee, was not inclined to make any changes just to benefit the American Association. The only benefit that the League would derive from such changes would be the doing away with some conflicting dates in Philadelphia. las, W. R. Cheatham and George W. White. The directors elected the following officers The directors elected the following officers-G. M. Fogg. President; C. H. Gillock, Secretary and General Superintendent, and H. B. Stubblefield, Treasurer. The Executive Committee is composed of W. H. Jackson, H. B. Stubblefield, John P. White, W. B. Cheatham and C. H. Gillock. Several matters in connection with the approaching spring meeting were discussed, but definite action was deferred for the present. The stakes for the meeting close Tuesday next, and entries are already pouring in. The added money to stakes is the most liberal ever offered in the South, and the prospects are flattering for the grandest meeting ever held at this most popular racing point. COLUMBUS, O., January 12.—Wheeler Wikoff, Secretary of the American Association, has issued the following bulletin: Contracts, 1889—With Columbus, Charles Marr; St. Joe, Charles Bradley, W. T. Crowell; Sioux City. Tony Hellman, T. Brasnan: Minneapolis, E. M. Heugel; Omaha, W. Andrews, A. Donoghue, Released—By Kansas City, James McTamany; Columbus, Dick Van Zant, Albert Fisher. grandest meeting lar racing point. FLOORED THE DOCTOR.

NASHVILLE PROSPECTS.

Association Officials Elected and Entries

for the Races Plentiful.

Jim Conners Wins a Lively Wrestling Contest at the East End. There was quite an exciting and pleasant time in the hall of the East End Gymnasium last evening. Jim Connors, the instructor of the association, and Dr. Gus Hall wrestled for

a purse, catch-as-catch-can, best two of three There were between 200 and 300 persons pre There were between 200 and 300 persons present, being members of the club and their friends. Hall is an unknown here, and he was considered a good one to tackle Connors so readily. The attendance was large, considering the fact that the match or contest was only arranged yesterday afternoon. The audience included some of the best known people in the East End.

The first hour was a lively one as long as it. The first bout was a lively one as long as it The first bout was a lively one as long as it lasted. Connors, however, in nine minutes succeeded in getting a neck and leg hold that enabled him to lay the doctor on his back. The doctor won the second fall in five minutes by throwing Connors over his head. Connors won the third and deciding bout by an arm up the back hold, twisting the doctor square to the carpet. The event was so well received that other athletic entertainments will follow.

GUERRERO WANTS A RACE.

He Offers to Give McClelland a Start in Fifty Miles.

A CHANCE FOR SEARLE.

O'Connor Offers to Row the Australia Champion in England or America. TORONTO, January 12.-To-day a cablegram will be sent to Australia, asking Searle and Kemp if either of them will row O'Connor in

England or America. If the reply is that either will row in Eng put aside. In it there will certainly be no betting other than the stakes, while the Searle race would be for \$5,000 a side and the championship of the world, with the prospect of winning much Australian money.

O'Connor's backers are determined to push Searle to a match. They want their man to try for the world's championship.

A SHAKEY REPLY.

Jackson Won't Fight Smith or Anybody Else Except in California.

New Orleans, January 12.—The weather to-day was clear and pleasant and the track in

Hamilton Done For. HAMILTON, ONT., January 12.-The Hamil ton baseball team will not be prepared to de-posit its guarantee with Secretary White on January 15, and there will be a vacancy in the International Association after that date. As Jersey City and Newark have both intimated that they would like to join the League, it may be that one of them will be selected to fill the

"Hearing that a man in the East End wants Thearing that a man in the East End wants to pitch quoits for a stake, I am willing to pitch him a match for \$50 a side, 16 yards distance, stiff, sticking clay ends, and either Scotch or North of England rules to govern. The weight of quoits to be optional to each party. A deposit left at THE DISPATCH office will be covered at any time."

they evidently have fight in their eyes. Last they evidently have night in their eyes. Last evening they met and each deposited \$5 as a forfeit to fight within the next two or three weeks. The conditions of the forfeit are that the two principals or their representatives meet at a place, already named, next Saturday evening at 9 o'clock to sign articles. It was further agreed that the party failing to be present at 9 o'clock shall forfeit the \$5 up.

Gus Guerrero, the pedestrian, is still anxious to have a race with McClelland, or any other Pittsburger. Yesterday a letter was received in this city from Guerrero, in which he repeats his offer to run McClelland, or any other man in this city, ten miles or more. He further

offers to give McClelland a quarter of a mile start in 50 miles.

Guerrero concludes his letter by stating that he and Peter Hegelman will come to Pittsburg and run any other two men 25 miles for a stake or a purse.

It is not likely that McClelland will run a 50mile race until the weather is finer. When
spring time comes he will probably give Guerrero a race on a good track, and the latter may
get all the running he wants.

MEMPHIS, TENN., January 12-In annous Sporting Notes.

and at any early date the Gaudaur race will be

NEW YORK, January 12.- A San Francisc dispatch to Richard K. Fox, relating to the challenge of Jem Smith to fight Peter Jackson, challenge of Jem Smith to fight Peter Jackson, the Australian champion, for £1,000, says that Jackson places himself in the hands of the California Athletic Club, and will meet any man in the world, but nowhere else than in the rooms of the club. This reply was cabled to London to-day.

Jackson, the dispatch says, has challenged Jake Kilrain and Patsy Cardiff to battle for a \$3,000 purse.

WASHINGTON, January 12.-The following official bulletin has been issued from League headquarters to-day: Contracts for 1889-John Weyhing, with Co. imbus; John A. Kerins and T. H. Ramsey lumbus; John A. Kerins and T. H. Ramsey, with Cincinnati; C. C. Campau, Henry Yaik, W. H. Higgins and Harry Zell, with Detroit. International Association—Steve Toole and Marr Phillips, with Rochester: W. W. Andrus, with Buffalo: John Grim and C. Rickley, with Toronto: P. W. Worden, with Toledo: D. Minnehan, Tom Turner, John Campanna, Henry Seibel, J. O'Brien, James Daly, J. A. Leighton, E. E. Cleveland and William Hanrahan, with Western Association. Released—By Syracuse, Charles Marr; by roy, P. Worden; by Buffalo, James Flynn; b; lamilton, M. Phillips, M. Jones; by Cincinnati ohn Weyhing.

good condition.

First race, nine-sixteenths of a mile-Mirth won in 50, Porter Ashe second, Florine third.

Second race, three-quarters of a mile-Kitty Pease won in 1:1954, Jimmy B second, Leo Bridget third.

Third race, five-eighths of a mile-Duhme won in 1:0554, Lord Grosvenor second, Benton third.

Fourth race, one mile-Berths, Carux, Countess, Sherwood, Pell Mell, Hindoo Rose, Jim Williams, Mary Foster, Radical, Effie H started, Countess won in 1:494, Bertha second, Hindoo Rose third.

vacancy.

Llewellyn, the Cleveland pitcher, will go to California, now that the club has disbanded.

George Lewis, of McKee's Rocks, called at this office last evening, and left the following

McDermitt and Bissell mean business, and

in at 159 pounds and allow Slott to scale 170 and fight him within ten days or two weeks. Regardless of the big advantage offered Slott Bilson is anxious for business. Rochester in Line Agniu. ROCHESTER, N. Y., January 12.—The directors of the Rochester Driving Park Assodecided to repeat this year the Flower City guarantee stake of \$10,000; open to all subscrib-ers. The meeting will probably be August 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Close on February 1.

thing" in fighting Sullivan.

ing the stakes offered by the Memphis Jockey Club for their spring meeting an error was made as to the date when entries close. The time should have been February I, instead of the 15th, as published.

It is stated that the Smith party "stood" to win \$30,000 had George won the Sheffield handi JACK ROWE, of Buffalo, says that Hamburg, Grant, Carroll, Lehane and Welch, reserved players, will be signed by Buffalo for next sea-MILTON YOUNG expresses the opinion that Blessing will be superior to Laura Stone as a Syear-old, as her development has been more

MITCHELL thinks that Kilrain has a "sure

ALREADY there are 714 entries for the Futurity Stakes of 1891. Congressman W. L. Scott is the largest nominator. He enters 64. California is yet to hear from. SOME self-authoritative Pittsburg correspondent has informed Eastern papers for a certainty that McShannic, Nichols, Maul and Staley are to be disposed of. RANSON, the winner of the Sheffield Christ-mas handicap, was handicapped to run 125½ yards. In his second heat he ran the distance three yards short of 12 seconds.

THERE is a racehorse in New Zealand which is a son of the well known English sire Musket that rejoices in the trite name of Son of a Gun. He ran second for the New Zealand WARD'S splendid success in Australia tickles the Washington enthusiasts immensely. It has likewise set the Boston and Pittsburg people by the cars, and they now say they have not given up hopes of getting Ward.—N.Y. Herald. THE four runners in the final heat of the late Sheffield handicap finished in the following order: J. Ranson, Woodgreen, 794, £80; Pico Walker, Notts, 845, £12 10s; W. South, Sheffield, 793, £5; J. Wheeler, Notts, 833,

THE Western Bookmakers' Association has decided not to disband, as has been previously announced, but will continue the organization and do business as a body on such tracks as will allow it, and work as individuals on other TIM KEEFE was asked yesterday why he did not sign a contract. He said that he did not need any advance money, as he would only spend it, and that he had enough to last him until spring. Tim does not seem to be in any hurry to sign,—New York Sun.

THE Sporting Life holds Manager Mutrie responsible for the rumor of large salaries received by several players/last season. It even questions Jim's veracity! When shown the article in question Jim laboriously waded through the paper to see where it was published. THE stakes for foals of 1887 just closed by the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association, Lexington, Ky., have filled far in excess of the most sanguine expectations of the officers. The three stakes will aggregate more than 400 nominations, which come from all sections of the country.

purchased.—New York World.

THERE is a horse in the town of Sprague, Conn., belonging to Allen Williams, that has to be put to bed to be shod. Mr. Williams has to carry a mattress and pillows to the shop where his horse is shod. The horse is thrown down and held on the mattress by straps across the body, and his owner insists on having the horse's head bolstered up in a comfortable position with two pillows while the work is being done.—Horseman.

MR. WILLIAM EASTON has received instructions from Mr. J. B. Haggin to make all the necessary arrangements for the sale of the Rancho del Paso yearlings in the summer. They will number from 110 to 120 head, and the sale will take place at Mr. Easton Hunt's Point establishment. As to Ossory and Galore, Mr. Easton says neither of them has as yet been shipped from England. He expects, however, to receive advices in the matter within the next week.

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FANCY CABINETS,

KEEFE has rented an office on Fulton street, and will begin business on Monday next. Tim has devised a new baseball, which is an improvement upon any that has yet been put upon the market. He will begin their manufacture as soon as proper machinery can be purchased.—New York World.

done.—Horsenda.

THERE will be no spring games between the Giants and the Philadelphia Athletics. Harry Wright has made overtures looking toward a series of games with the Brooklyn Club. Manager Sharsig, of the Athletics, has made such strenuous objections, however, that it is doubtful if the thing can be arranged. Sharsig claims that the Brooklyns are a great attraction to Philadelphia and does not want any other club to sweep in the shekels at his expense.

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